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Applicant(s): Shannon Mary Nelson et al. ) Group No.: 2633  
Serial No.: 09/544,762 ) Examiner: Sedighian, R.  
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For: RUGGED SHOCK RESISTANT BACKPLANE FOR EMBEDDED SYSTEMS )

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the final office action mailed, July 25, 2002 in relation to the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following Claims:

I. (Amended) A shock-resistant system for operatively interconnecting circuit cards within a computer system to enable data to be transmitted and received therebetween comprising:

a) a common backplane having a plurality of circuit card connectors disposed in spaced apart relation thereon for supporting circuit cards in a generally upright parallel